

Alaska Workforce Investment Board Workforce Readiness and Employment & Placement Committee Report October 23, 2007

The Workforce Readiness, Employment & Placement committee met twice since the last AWIB board meeting in May, 2007. A quorum was established at each meeting and the prioritization of the Strategic Directives and Top Priorities was established. The following are the top three priorities of the Workforce Readiness and Employment & Placement committee.

- 1. Improve applied academic, technical and employability skills of the workforce.
- 2. Collaborate with business/industry and training providers to conduct a comprehensive needs assessment that sets training needs and priorities based on the gaps between supply and demand for the high demand short and long-term employment.
- 3. Develop a more interactive relationship with business, community training providers and one stop centers.

The committee welcomed two new members, Betty Jo Dibble and Dave Rees. Betty Jo is the apprentice coordinator for the Operating Engineers Training Trust, Local 302. Dave Rees works for BP Exploration Alaska as a technical resource specialist and is also the APICC chair and a past member of the AHRIC board.